



Early Voting Begins The early voting period for the July 31st Runoff Election is July 23 – 27, 2012.

Who is eligible to vote early? Any registered voter may vote early by personal appearance (in person).

What are the dates for voting early in person? Early voting by personal appearance for the July 31, 2012, Primary Runoff Election begins on **July 23, 2012**, and ends on **July 27, 2012**. You may vote at any early voting location in your county of registration. See "[Election Information](#)" for locations.

Can anybody vote early by mail (once referred to as absentee voting)? Only specific reasons entitle a registered voter to vote early by mail (no longer called absentee voting). You may request a ballot by mail if you:

will be away from your county on Election Day **and** during early voting;
are sick or disabled;
are 65 years of age or older on Election Day; or
are confined in jail.

I fall under one of the four reasons above. What do I do now? Are there deadlines connected with this procedure? First, request an Application for Ballot by Mail (ABBM) from the Early Voting Clerk in your county of registration. Once received, read the instructions carefully, complete the ABBM form and return to the Early Voting Clerk. The dates applicable to the July 31, 2012 Primary Runoff Election are as follows: the first day you may submit an ABBM for the primary runoff is **June 1, 2012**, if you did not check the runoff ballot on your application for the main primary election; the last day (or deadline) to submit an ABBM is **July 24, 2012**—this is NOT A POSTMARK DATE—the ABBM must be RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE EARLY VOTING CLERK by **July 24, 2012**, in order for you to receive a ballot by mail.

Contact the Collin County Early Voting Coordinator, Janessa Millican at 972-547-1901 or by email at jmillican@collincountytx.gov. You may also call our main number at 972-547-1990 and receive this information.

Does a voter have to vote in the primary election in order to vote in a runoff-election or on November 6, 2012? A voter does not have to vote in the May 29, 2012 primary election in order to qualify to vote in a primary runoff election on July 31, 2012, **OR** in the general election on November 6, 2012. If you voted in one party's primary on May 29, 2012, then you may not vote in the other party's runoff on July 31, 2012. Remember if you signed a petition in lieu of filing fee for a candidate for one party, you may not vote in another party's primary or primary runoff that voting year (2012). Whether you voted or not in the primary, you may vote for whomever you choose in November. Party affiliations expire on December 31.

What kind of identification do I need for the July 31, 2012 Primary Runoff election? The new identification requirements have not been approved. This means that the current law still applies to the July 31, 2012 (primary runoff election). For more details about current identification requirements, see [Need ID](#) information.

Military & Overseas Voters Military and overseas voters are welcome to use the regular registration and early voting by mail process available to all voters away from their home county on Election Day. However, there are also [special provisions for military and overseas voters](#).

Voters with Special Needs Please read [special needs information](#) to ensure that you are fully informed on the available services.

Student Voters Student voters often seek advice regarding residency issues for voter registration purposes. For more information, please read [Information regarding student residency](#) issues.
